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SUBJ: UNCTAD TDB XIV: STATEMENTS ON ROLE OF UNCTAD IN THE MTN

SUMMARY: NUMEROUS LDC'S MADE STATEMENTS IN SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I (SCI) SUPPORTING SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROPOSALS ON UNCTAD PARTICIPATION IN MTN. US, EC AND JAPAN WORKED CLOSELY TO DEVELOP COMMON POSITION ON MATTER IN FACE OF ANTICIPATED PRESSURE TO PASS RESOLUTION BASED ON SUBJECT FORWARDED BY COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES. STATEMENT DRAFTED BY GROUP B COORDINATOR WITH US, EC AND JAPAN ACCEPTED BY GROUP B AND DELIVERED IN SCI. SWEDEN FOR ITSELF AND FINLAND MADE AMPLIFYING STATEMENT. GATT REPRESENTATIVE AT REQUEST OF CHAIR ALSO SPOKE. ALL THREE STATEMENTS BEING AIR POUCHED DEPARTMENT. CONTACT GROUP OF SCI TOOK UP DRAFT MTN RESOLUTION FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 30. NO RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES WITH LDC'S ON THIS MATTER YET IN SIGHT, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE ON TEXT. NEXT STEP WILL BE TO WORK OUT GROUP B COUNTERPROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

1. ON HIS OPENING STATEMENT TD/B(XIV) MISC. 7 PARA 19, SECRETARY-GENERAL COREA INDICATED NEED FOR UNCTAD TO RECEIVE DOCUMENTATION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO BE PRESENT AT MEETINGS OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE (TNC) AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES ON A REGULAR BASIS. HIS WORDING WAS NOT AS PRECISE AS IN HIS STATEMENT BEFORE LAST TNC MEETING AND LEFT OPEN VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS OF THE EXTENT OF UNCTAD'S ROLE. ALMOST ALL LDC SPEAKERS IN SCI SUPPORTED SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROPOSALS AND INSISTED THEY SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT DELAY. SEVERAL WENT FARTHER AND SUGGESTED WHAT UNCTAD SHOULD BE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE MTN. NIGERIA CALLED FOR SECRETARY-GENERAL TO WORK ALONGSIDE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF GATT TO ORGANIZE MTN SO THAT IT WOULD BENEFIT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

2. US, EC, JAPAN DESL AGREED TO MAINTAIN JOINT POSITION THAT DECISIONS ON THIS MATTER MUST REMAIN WITH TNC. EC (SALTER) INDICATED EC RETHINKING ITS POSTURE SINCE IT BELIEVES IT IS PAYING AN INCREASING POLITICAL PRICE FOR A MATTER OF RELATIVELY LITTLE SUBSTANCE AND FEARS IT MAY END UP PAYING FOR IRRITATIONS BETWEEN LONG AND COREA. (KUHN, GERMANY, VERIFIED GROWING FLEXIBILITY IN EC ON MATTER.) US DEL STATED US POSITION AS OUTLINED IN POSITION PAPER, STRESSING THAT MATTER WAS PRAGMATIC QUESTION FOR TNC ITSELF TO DECIDE AND THAT UNCATD SHOULD NOT TRY PREJUDGE. JAPAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(MIYAKE) INDICATED IT DID NOT WANT TO MAKE ANY MOVE THAT APPEARED POSITIVE UNLESS THERE WAS TO BE MOVEMENT AT THE NEXT TNC JUSTIFYING SUCH POSITIVISM. JAPAN EVEN OBJECTED TO SUGGESTION THAT GROUP B STATEMENT SAY WE CONSIDERING COREA PROPOSAL IN "POSITIVE SPIRIT. WHILE WE AND EC CONSIDERED THIS EXCESSIVELY RIGID, WE CONCURRED IN INTERESTS BIG 3 SOLIDARITY. JAPANESE DEL INDICATED THAT JAPANESE AMBASSADOR KITAHARA WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSION ON THIS MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR MALMGREN.

3. US, EC AND JAPAN RAISED MATTER IN GROUP B AND FOLLOWING SEVERAL DRAFTS AND EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION, THE STATEMENT GIVEN BELOW WAS AGREED UPON AND DELIVERED, SWEDEN, FINLAND, NORWAY, NETHERLANDS, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA IN VARYING DEGREES FOUND THE REQUESTS OF SECRETARY-GENERAL COREA FOR PARTICIPATION IN MTN REASONABLE, BUT ALL COULD AGREE THAT THE DECISIONS HAD TO BE MADE IN THE TNC AND NOT IN UNCTAD. SWEDEN AND CANADA MADE INTERVENTIONS IN GROUP B URGING THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROPOSALS BE GIVEN SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION AT NEXT TNC. US DEL PRIVATELY DISCUSSED OUR CONCERNS WITH SWEDEN AND CANADIAN DELEGATES, BUT MADE CLEAR MATTER STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION AND DECISIONS WOULD BE MADE KNOWN ONLY IN TNC, NOT IN UNCTAD.

4. GROUP B STATEMENT READ AS FOLLOWS, NON-ESSENTIAL WORDS OMITTED:
BEGIN TEXT: THOUGH WE HAVE AGREED THAT DETAILED DISCUSSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN CONTACT GROUP, I SHOULD LIKE AT THIS STAGE GO MAKE SOME GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON BEHALF OF GROUP B, SOME OF WHOSE MEMBERS MAY WISH TO ADD PERTINENT COMMENTS OF THEIR OWN. MY REMARKS CONCER THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, REFERRED BY THE COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES TO THE BOARD, , ON THE PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE MTN.

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FIRST, LET ME SAY THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE CONCERNS OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT SECTION D OF RESOLUTION 82(III) SHOULD
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BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED IN THE LIGHT OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED BY
THE MINISTERS AT TOKYO, AND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE OUR
BEST ENDEAVOURS TO THIS END.
THE AGREEMENT OF THE MINISTERS WAS SUMMARIZED IN THE
FOLLOWING WORDS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TOKYO MEETING: "THERE
HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO FOLLOW THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF GATT, ON A CONTINUING BASIS, WILL KEEP THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO FACILITATE THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD ASSISTING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE COULD DECIDE TO INVITE THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO ATTEND ITS MEETINGS, AS
APPROPRIATE".
WE RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTION THAT UNCTAD SYG CAN MAKE
IN ASSISTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN RESPECT OF THE MTN, AND
ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN HIM AND
GATT DIRECTOR-GENERAL.
MY GROUP'S GENERAL POSITION ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION HAS
NOT CHANGED; QUESTIONS OF PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS OF TNC OR
ITS WORKING GROUPS, ALONG WITH QUESTIONS OF ACCESS TO
DOCUMENTATION, ARE MATTERS FOR THE TNC TO DECIDE.

UNCTAD SYG WAS INVITED TO THE LAST MEETING OF TNC,
AND MADE CERTAIN SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING FUTURE UNCTAD
PARTICIPATION. THESE ARE NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY OUR MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS AND WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
TNC IN OCTOBER. WE WILL ALSO OF COURSE BEAR IN MIND THE
COMMENTS MADE IN DEBATE HERE. MANY OF OUR GOVERNMENTS,
HOWEVER, ARE NOT YET IN A POSITION TO INDICATE THE OUTCOME OF THIS
CONSIDERATION. WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION WHICH
PREJUDGES ANY OF THE POSSIBLE WAYS OF DEALING WITH THIS MATTER.
FINALLY, YOU CAN BE SURE THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT THIS
SUBJECT WITH THE AIM OF FINDING SOLUTIONS WHICH ARE CONSISTENT
WITH THE DUAL AIMS OF

(1) ASSISTING THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT TO HELP THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS; AND

(2) THE EFFECTIVE CONDUCT OF THE MTN NEGOTIATIONS,
MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME ADD THAT, IN LINE WITH THIS STATEMENT,
WE ARE READY TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WAS REMITTED TO
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THE BOARD BY THE COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES. END TEXT.

5. FOLLOWING GROUP B STATEMENT IN SCI, SWEDEN MADE
AMPLIFYING REMARKS FOR ITSELF AND FINLAND INDICATING IT
CONSIDERED COREA PROPOSALS "CONSTRUCTIVE AND REALISTIC".
SWEDEN CALLED ATTENTION, HOWEVER, TO THE SECRETARY-GENERALS'
RECOGNITION THAT "THERE ARE OCCASIONS DURING THE TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS WHEN PRIVACY MIGHT BE NEEDED AS FAR AS MEETINGS AND
DOCUMENTATION ARE CONCERNED." SWEDEN HOPED THE TNC WOULD FIND
IT POSSIBLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT BROADLY ALONG THE LINES PRESENTED
BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

6. STATEMENT BY GATT REPRESENTATIVE (AKAWA) COVERED COOPERATION
THAT IS ALREADY TAKING PLACE BETWEEN GATT SECRETARIAT AND THAT OF
UNCTAD. IT IMPLIED THAT DIRECTOR-GENERAL LONG AND FORMER
SECRETARY-GENERAL PEREZ GUERRERO HAD DEVELOPED A WORKING
RELATIONSHIP AND THAT ONE WAS BEGINNING BETWEEN LONG AND COREA.

7. RESOLUTION ON MTN IN ANNEX I OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
MANUFACTURES TD/B/C.1(VI)/MISC. 6 TAKEN UP BY CONTACT GROUP.
GROUP B SPOKESMAN ASKED GROUP OF 77 WHAT AMENDMENTS IT
PROPOSED TO MAKE TO RESOLUTION IN LIGHT OF SECRETARY-GENERAL
COREA'S STATEMENT ON UNCTAD'S ROLE IN THE MTN BEFORE THE TNC AND
IN LIGHT OF GROUP B POSITION PRESENTED IN SCI. INDIA AS SPOKESMAN
FOR GROUP OF 77 AGREED THAT SOME ALTERATIONS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.
HE OFFERED TO DROP PREAMBULAR PARA OF DRAFT RESOLUTION BEGINNING
"CONSIDERING", AND IN FIRST OPERATIVE PARA TO ADD AFTER
SUBSECTION (I), WITH RESPECT TO ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS, THE
WORDS "EXCEPT WHEN THESE BODIES DECIDE OTHERWISE", AND IN
SUBSECTION (II) TO CHANGE THE WORD "ALL" BEFORE "DOCUMENTATION"

TO READ "RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION". GROUP BI WILL CONSIDER
PROPOSED CHANGES MONDAY. WE WILL OPPOSE SECOND AND THIRD
INDIAN SUGGESTIONS AND SUGGEST FINAL PART OF FIRST OPERATIVE PARA
(I.E. FROM "TOWARDS THIS END" ON) READ ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

"COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MTN SHOULD CONSIDER
THIS MATTER PROMPTLY, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF FINDING
SOLUTIONS CONCERNING UNCTAD SECRETARY-GENERAL'S
PRESENCE AT TNC MEETINGS AND RECEIPT OF APPROPRIATE
TNC DOCUMENTS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE
DUAL OBJECTIVES OF (1) HELPING THE UNCTAD ASSIST THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE
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MTN AND (2) THE EFFECTIVE CONDUCT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS". DALE

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